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Hello –

I just got on the phone with Pua Aiu who is the Division Director of the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Division. She said that there are three main changes that their office is going to request in the PA.

- (1) In reviewing the provisions on Historic Districts, the language in the PA relies on a City zoning “overlay districts” to preserve individual groupings of historic and cultural resources through the application of architectural and other design guidelines and standards for developments surrounding them. Overlay districts already established include Chinatown, Merchant Street, and the Hawaii Capital civic center areas. This language is included in a whereas clause on page 4. However, the TOD zoning ordinance has language that it overrides any other zoning ordinance. The SHPO is concerned that the TOD zoning ordinance removes protections to the historic districts afforded through the zoning overlays.
- (2) The SHPO also has some concerns about reinternment responsibilities for discoveries of Native Hawaiian burials. In the PA there are three options for deciding how to mitigate the disturbance of Native Hawaiian burials. First, the burial could remain in place and the column would be relocated. Second the burial could be reinterred within the project boundaries near where the burial was discovered or lastly, it could be reinterred at a location offsite. What has happened in the past, that the SHPO is concerned about, is that the responsibility of identifying a suitable location for a burial falls on the SHPD. The SHPO wants to make sure that the PA clearly identifies the City as having that responsibility with language along the lines that it is the City’s responsibility to identify a relocation site that is acceptable to the OIBC. This language would need to be added to two sections of the PA; Stipulation III.D.2 and Stipulation XI.C.
- (3) As discussed previously, the SHPO would like some assistance from the City with the workload/staffing issues associated with the PA. One proposal is establishing a Certified Local Government. Part of this request is related to pressure from the SHPD being under review by the National Park Service.

The City has set up a meeting with the SHPO on Tuesday. Pua relayed that their office would like FTA to participate in the meeting.

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We will. Laura will be calling either Ted or Leslie Rogers today. You can call me if you have questions.

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Hello Pua –

Do you have more information to share on whether your office will request additional mitigation for the PA?

Thank you,

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